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**LAW ENFORCEMENT ARREST 12  
INVOLVED IN SAN ANTONIO-BASED DRUG DISTRIBUTION OPERATION**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton and Resident Agent in Charge Javier Pena of the Drug Enforcement Administration** announced today the arrests of 12 individuals for their roles in a San Antonio-based drug trafficking organization.

Arrested in San Antonio without incident earlier today were: 26-year-old Brian Soto (a.k.a. Brown), 55-year-old Felix Soto, Sr., 34-year-old Uvaldo J. Olivares, 29-year-old Israel Soto, 22-year-old Ana Lee Soto and 22-year-old Juan Antonio Rangel and 30-year-old Salvador Rene Peralta. Patrick Figueroa, age 42, was arrested without incident in Kyle, Texas. Four were already in custody prior to the arrests this morning: 22-year-old David Josue Martinez, 62-year-old Carlos Martinez-Calderon (aka "El Doctor"), 43-year-old Bernardo Morales-Fuentes and 38-year-old Jesus Gerardo Puente-Villasana.

All 12 were charged in a federal grand jury indictment—returned last week under seal—with conspiracy to distribute in excess of five kilograms of cocaine. Upon conviction of this charge, each defendant faces between 10 years and life in federal prison. In addition, Brian Soto is charged with three substantive drug distribution counts as well as one money laundering count; Israel Soto is charged with three substantive drug distribution counts; and, David Josue Martinez is charged with one count of money laundering. Each of the remaining defendants is also charged with one substantive drug distribution count.

The indictment alleges that from January 2004 to the present, Brian Soto together with his brothers, Israel Soto and Adrian Soto, organized and ran the operation which was responsible for the multi-kilogram distribution of cocaine throughout San Antonio. Finally, on May 21, 2004, David Josue Martinez allegedly attempted to smuggle into the Republic of Mexico \$38,262 in cash—proceeds from the organization's illegal drug distribution activity. Martinez was arrested with the cash by agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement at the Camino Real International Bridge in Eagle Pass, Texas.

This investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration together with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, San Antonio Police Department, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotics, Comal County Sheriff's Office, New Braunfels Police Department, Schertz Police Department and Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorney Charlie Strauss is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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